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B.C. couple on way home as aid continues

Haiti Crisis

RELIEF Some B.C. residents are getting out of earthquake-ravaged Haiti while others are going in to help.

A Kelowna missionary couple who hadn't been heard from since the quake on Tuesday have turned up safe at the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince. Ev and Al Hromek emailed their family to say they'll be flying out of Haiti on a Canadian military Hercules plane.

Meanwhile, Burnaby firefighter Mark Pullen and his dog Zach are on their way to Haiti to help with the search effort as part of a UN-sponsored group of international search dogs.

The province is also contributing $500,000 to the Red Cross to help victims.

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Gladys Loiuis Jeune is pulled alive from the rubble of her home on Thursday in Port-au-Prince, nearly 43 hours after Tuesday's earthquake, where she is greeted by her ecstatic daughter. More coverage, page 6.

Canada kicks off help

Emergency supplies, aid starting to arrive in Haiti

Haiti Crisis

Canada launched a Haitian aid-and-rescue campaign by air, sea and land Thursday, evacuating scores of desperate earthquake survivors and sending in tons of supplies and a disaster-response team to the beleaguered country.

The humanitarian effort ramped up amid the sobering news that an RCMP officer was found dead in the rubble of his home in the capital Port-au-Prince.

Sgt. Mark Gallagher is the fourth Canadian confirmed killed in Tuesday's devastating quake, along with an Ontario nurse and a couple from Montreal. At least four others are missing, including another Mountie.

Officials fear 50,000 people may have died in the quake and up to three million — a third of the country's population — may need emergency aid. Thousands of buildings have been flattened, including the parliament, hospitals, a prison and the UN headquarters.

A Canadian C-130 military transport and a huge C-17 touched down in Port-au-Prince, carrying a helicopter, emergency supplies and members of the military's Disaster Assistance Response Team. A DART reconnaissance unit, along with a team of federal officials, has been in Haiti since Wednesday, assessing what help and supplies are needed most.

In Halifax, a pair of Canadian warships set sail for Haiti, loaded with everything from a helicopter to chainsaws, medical supplies, construction materials and water-purification tablets.

HMCS Halifax and HMCS Athabaskan are due to arrive early next week. Many of the 500 crew members are expected to help search through collapsed buildings, remove rubble and supply basic provisions.

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Assistance

- Most of Haiti's nine million people are desperately poor. The country is the largest recipient of Canadian long-term development assistance in the Americas and the second largest in the world.

Waste not, want not at Village

ENERGY Vancouver's Athletes' Village is the first neighbourhood in North America that is heated by turds.

Southeast False Creek's $30-million Neighbourhood Energy Utility (NEU) recovers heat from sewage to generate 70 per cent of the neighbourhood's heating and domestic hot-water needs.

"What is considered waste, flowing through the pipes underneath here, is now being used as a resource," said Surrey Coun. Marvin Hunt, who took part in the unveiling as a director of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

"We need to think like that in everything that we do, that our wastes are really our resources for the future."

The renewable technology will be supplemented by solar hot water from the roofs of three buildings in the Athletes' Village. Natural-gas boilers will heat water on the coldest days.

The utility will eventually provide heat for 16,000 residents and businesses in the developing neighbourhood.

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Energy

- Five large steam-stacks, visible from the foot of the Cambie Bridge, will act like giant mood rings, changing colours based on the amount of energy being consumed. Red means a lot, blue means a little.

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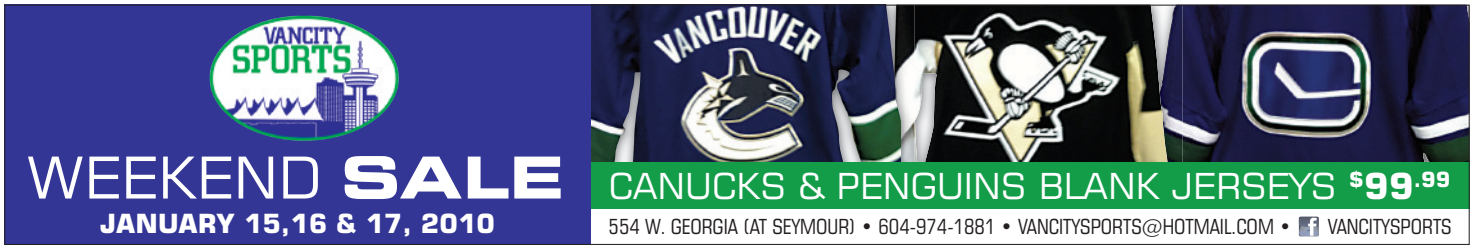
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Canucks to compete in SuperSkills

The Vancouver Canucks will hold their annual SuperSkills competition Sunday at GM Place. Players will compete to determine who is the fastest skater and who has the hardest or most accurate shot.

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John de Courcy auditions for a busker spot with TransLink's Musician Program in Burnaby Thursday.

Hopefuls try their luck

TransLink holds auditions for Olympic buskers

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Musicians and performers from across the Lower Mainland gathered in a small room at TransLink's head office near Metrotown on Thursday to apply for one of 30 spots as an Olympic busker.

Auditions opened at 9 a.m., and by 10 a.m. all the spots were filled and latecomers were being turned away.

Successful candidates will be offered a licence to perform at select stations from Feb. 1 to March 31.

"Supplementing the current (TransLink Musician Program) during the Games makes a lot of sense," said Bill Knight, a spokesperson for TransLink.

"Providing a venue for entertainment in key areas during busy times will hopefully make any waits more enjoyable."

Anthony Blackman, who plays with a band called the South Survivors, hauled his steel drums to the audition from North Vancouver.

"I wanted to get my music exposed," said the native Trinidadian. "(The steel drum) is not a Canadian instrument, but I've been living here for many years and it's part of me, so it's part of Canada."

Vancouver musician John de Courcy, who plays in a band called the Black Wizard, said he likes to play music on the street simply to entertain passersby.

"If I make enough for lunch or a drink, I'm happy," he said."

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Northern House set to welcome world

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

ARCTIC A new exhibit in Downtown Vancouver aims to show that Canada's territories are vibrant places with more than just snow and ice.

Organizers of Northern House, a pavilion dedicated to the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, opens Friday at Hastings and Seymour streets. A large Inukshuk stands by the entrance.

"When the world comes to your doorstep, you welcome them. That's what the Northern House is here to do," said Peter Taptuna, Nunavut's minister of economic development and transportation.

The free exhibit is divided into three parts — one for each territory. Visitors can try a virtual reality sleigh ride under the northern lights, see a stuffed polar bear, and experience First Nations performers and culture.

According to VANOC CEO John Furlong, Northern House "shows the world what kind of a country we are."

"Part of the job of the organizing committee is to tell a great Canadian story ... This (Northern House) is a remarkable achievement."

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Contest

- Visitors can enter a contest to win a diamond, a gold nugget or a hand-woven tapestry.

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Minister of State for Sport Gary Lunn at the opening of Northern House in downtown Vancouver Thursday.

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Aboriginal art program pops

BOTTLES Aboriginal art has made its way into pop culture.

Olympic sponsor Coca-Cola debuted its Aboriginal Art program Thursday by unveiling four carved and painted wooden Coke bottles that will be showcased across the country.

The bottles will be auctioned off after the Games, with proceeds going to the Aboriginal Education Fund.

Calvin Hunt, creator of the bottle Nawala (shown right), said this program was a win-win for him as it also helps promote First Nations art.

"What's important is people realizing that (aboriginal) art has a rich heritage, from the Northwest Coast to the East Coast, and the diversity that these people have."

Tewanee Joseph, chief executive officer of the Four Host First Nations, said he believes that this program will help shed a new light on the native communities.

"When you talk about 2010 and the spotlight coming onto Vancouver and Whistler, you will see a bright shining light on our artisans and our people."

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News in brief

DEATH A man in his mid-30s has died after falling from the sixth-floor balcony of a West End apartment when a fire broke out Wednesday in one of the suites on that floor. Fire Capt. Gabe Roder said when the victim awoke due to the fire, "he may have been somewhat disorientated when he was trying to escape, which may have caused him to tragically go over the balcony." The fire appears to be accidental.

ENFORCEMENT Vancouver's park rangers will be seconded as bylaw officers during the 2010 Games. The amendment allows park rangers to issue tickets for bylaw infractions in parks until the end of March.

THEFT Around 700 Telus customers in Langley and Richmond were without service on Thursday after thieves cut through cables to steal 60 metres of copper and fibre-optic cables. The copper can be resold as scrap metal.

READING A study by UBC researchers has determined the neighbourhood in which children reside in kindergarten predicts their reading-comprehension level seven years later.

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City gets a little higher-strung
Construction of a zip-line over Downtown Vancouver begins Friday. It'll take adventure-seekers high over Robson Street between Howe and Hornby. METRO VANCOUVER

Kitsilano shelter open

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Vancouver will open a new emergency homeless shelter in Kitsilano on Friday.

The shelter, located on West 4th Avenue between Pine and Fir streets, will provide a safe place to sleep for up to 40 people a night.

People who use the shelter will receive two hot meals a day. They will also be allowed to bring shopping carts and pets into the facility.

It is the fourth homeless shelter that the city has opened since December through its HEAT program.

News in brief

INJECTION SITE The B.C. Court of Appeal will rule Friday on the fate of Canada's only supervised injection site in Vancouver. The federal government has challenged the B.C. Supreme Court ruling that gave Insite a permanent exemption to federal drug-control laws.

BACON Weapons found by police when they searched the Bacon Brothers' property in 2007 can be submitted as evidence, a B.C. judge has ruled.

WATER A high water advisory has been issued for parts of Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley as B.C.'s south coast gets drenched by another big rain storm that is expected to dump up to half a foot of rain in some areas.

DRUGS Twelve people have been arrested in Surrey after RCMP busted five grow-ops early Thursday morning. Of the five homes, one belonged to a couple and another to their son. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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DART back in the spotlight

The devastation in Haiti has propelled Canada's military disaster response team back into the national spotlight, but also raises questions about a longstanding Conservative promise to expand the emergency force. Known by its acronym DART, the team and its humanitarian work have languished publicly in the shadow of the Afghan war. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada/World

Feds look at immigration

Applicants from Haiti may get fast-tracked into Canada

Haiti Crisis

The federal government is looking at ways to make it easier for Haitians to come to Canada as immigrants or refugees, in response to the devastating quake in the Caribbean country.

Options include waiving fees, speeding up applications for family reunification, and perhaps even relaxing the definition of who can be included in reunification. "The minister of immigration has been discussing these matters and we will have announcements in the not-too-distant future," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

A spokesman for Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Harper asked Kenney "to quickly look at all options on the issue of visas, family reunification, and refugees." Kenney talked Thursday with federal and provincial officials to narrow down the options.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said Ottawa is working closely with Quebec's immigration minister, Yolande James, to make sure both levels of government are on the same wavelength. Quebec is the primary destination for Haitian immigrants in Canada, and Montreal has one of the biggest concentrations of Haitians living abroad. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canadian Master Cpl. Mike Lehman guards the Canadian Forces Globemaster on its arrival in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Thursday.

Canadians' donations 'overwhelming' charities

DONATIONS Millions of dollars were pouring in to Canadian aid agencies Thursday for disaster relief in Haiti — so much that their web servers teetered on the brink of collapse.

The overwhelming response prompted the Minister of National Revenue to advise Canadians to make sure they donate wisely.

"Canadians have opened their hearts and their wallets in the wake of the terrible tragedy in Haiti," said Jean-Pierre Blackburn. "Sadly, there are some who would exploit the generosity of Canadians."

Blackburn suggested Canadians who wish to donate should check the Canada Revenue Agency website at cra.gc.ca for information on how to be an informed donor.

Kieran Green of the Humanitarian Coalition, which includes Care Canada, Oxfam Canada, Oxfam Quebec and Save the Children, said the donations were "quite literally overwhelming." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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News in brief

EVACUEES The first wave of Canadian evacuees from Haiti was expected to arrive early Friday morning as their families anxiously waited for their loved ones to arrive. That first planeload of 100 Canadians will be landing at Montreal's Trudeau airport. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

CRISIS Haiti's poverty and hardship have long drawn aid groups and charities. Now the same people who tried to do good before the quake find themselves trapped in the rubble, out of touch and struggling to carry on their missions. "This earthquake is really too much," said the Rev. Duken Augustin. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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U.S. takes charge in aid efforts

Haiti Crisis

U.S. President Barack Obama and the United States moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti on Thursday, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid to try to keep order as well as rescue the suffering in a country dysfunctional at the best of times.

Tested by the first large-scale humanitarian disaster of his presidency, Obama ordered a relief effort of historic proportions despite the strains it was sure to put on both the stretched American budget and military forces fighting two wars.

He pledged an initial $100 million US, with the likelihood of more later.

Aware of the steep political cost George W. Bush paid for an ineffective response to Hurricane Katrina's destruction of much of New Orleans, La., the Obama White House has laboured to show intensive engagement by the president since immediately after the 7.0-magnitude quake struck the impoverished island on Tuesday.

Details of evening Situation Room meetings, phone calls with world leaders and cancelled events were being released almost hourly.

"I will not put up with any excuses for us not doing the very best in this time of tragedy," Obama pledged, making his third public comments on the topic in two days.

The government of Haitian President Rene Preval was severely disabled, with the president's own residences damaged and the parliament building collapsed along with other ministries and departments.

In one sign of difficult conditions, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Obama had tried twice, unsuccessfully, to get through to Preval. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Cindy Terasme screams after seeing the feet of her dead 14-year-old brother in the rubble of a collapsed school Thursday.

"I will not put up with any excuses for us not doing the very best in this time of tragedy."
U.S. President Barack Obama

Food, water and more reach Haiti

AID Desperately needed aid from around the world slowly made its way Thursday into Haiti, where supply bottlenecks and a leadership vacuum left rescuers scrambling on their own to save the trapped and injured and get relief supplies into the capital. The international Red Cross estimated that 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's magnitude-7 earthquake.

The nascent flow of rescue workers showed some results: A newly-arrived search team pulled a UN security worker alive from the organization's collapsed headquarters, where about 100 people are still trapped. He stood, held up a fist in celebration, and was helped off to a hospital. Planes from Canada, China, France, Spain and the United States landed at Port-au-Prince's airport, carrying searchers and tons of water, food, medicine and other supplies — with more promised from around the globe. The international Red Cross estimated three million Haitians may need emergency relief. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

EMERGENCY – CHILDREN IN CRISIS

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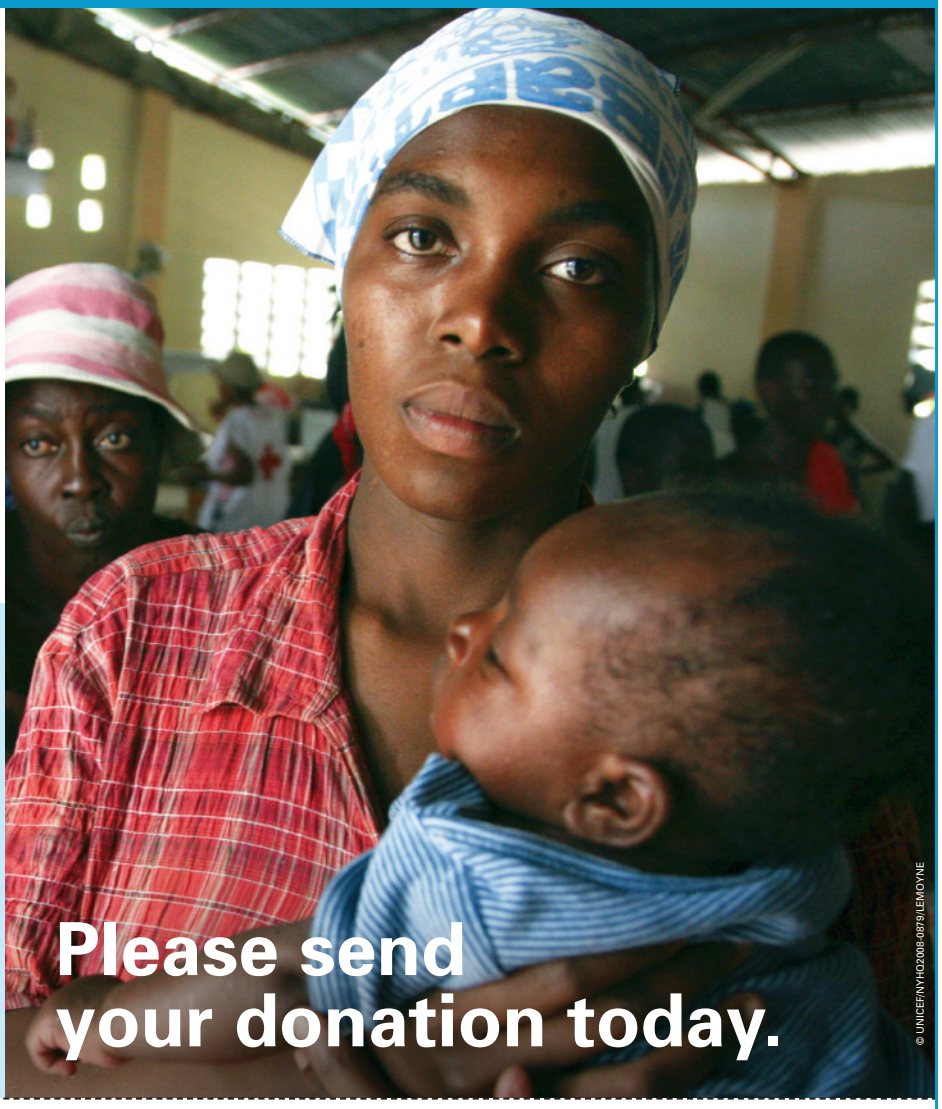

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Olympic anxiety starting to creep in

UrbanCompass

While the rest of the country is having a great time moving the Olympic torch across the frosty landscape, here in Vancouver we're wringing our hands in the rain.

With less than a month to go before they light the torch at BC Place, the host citizens have a bad case of Olympic Anxiety.

The condition is probably endemic to any host city suffering from Olympic information overload, but we have a pretty severe case. The primary symptom appears to be an exaggerated and unrealistic personal sense of responsibility for the success of the Games. While the barons of the IOC whiz around in police-escorted motorcades eating caviar, we're doing the worrying for them:

What if it's too warm and the downhill racers have to dodge daffodils?

What if NBC doesn't make a profit? Will we all be required to watch Conan O'Brien at 2 in the morning to boost the ratings?

What if the Cowichan people get a Supreme Court injunction against the official Olympic sweater?

What if there's an earthquake and the Richmond Oval sinks into a bog?

What if all the hotels are full and tourists have to sleep in the homeless shelter under the Granville Street Bridge, forcing the homeless people to shove over?

"The current crisis seems to be the weather, which is just perfect because there's absolutely nothing we can do about it."

What if scalpers buy all the tickets to the good events and the rest of us have to make do with events like Combined Gridlock or Dead-end Transit?

What if Canada's men's hockey team loses to Bosnia?

Etc. I'm sure it just seems that way, but every minute, there's another acid-reflux producing bulletin from the front. The current crisis seems to be the weather, which is just perfect because there's absolutely nothing we can do about it.

But there's something particularly unnerving about Cypress Mountain staff scrambling to scrape snow off the parking lots to patch all the brown spots on the mountain so the freestyle skiers don't crash on the rocks.

The actual Games can't get here fast enough, as I'm not sure we'll make it until Feb. 12, when ski jumping (men only) begins. No doubt, it will go like clockwork. (Please, gods of Olympus, not like the Olympic Countdown Clock).

But … what if the roof deflates on BC Place and the rain extinguishes the Olympic torch during the opening ceremonies, causing the musicians pretending to play to scurry for shelter while the music continues to play anyway? In front of a worldwide TV audience?

Could happen. Just saying.

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Views

Global positioning systems put to the test

Marketplace

This past Christmas, one of the hottest gadgets going was the global positioning system (GPS). It's a handy device. But it turns out those great gadgets aren't always safe. At Marketplace, we've learned that programming a GPS on the road can be dangerous.

With the help of Durham Regional Police, we blocked off a stretch of road near Toronto and asked drivers to find directions on their portable navigators. Transportation engineer Paul Green, from the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute, conducted the test while we recorded every move.

Green says drivers shouldn't look away from the road for more than two seconds at a time. "Every time you look away, that's another time period that you've lost a sense of what's happening while driving." But in our test, drivers trying to program the GPS took their eyes off the road for much longer — one looks away for seven seconds!

So just how many people actually program while they drive? Marketplace commissioned the first poll of its kind in Canada and discovered that almost half of all drivers surveyed (47 per cent) program their GPS while driving.

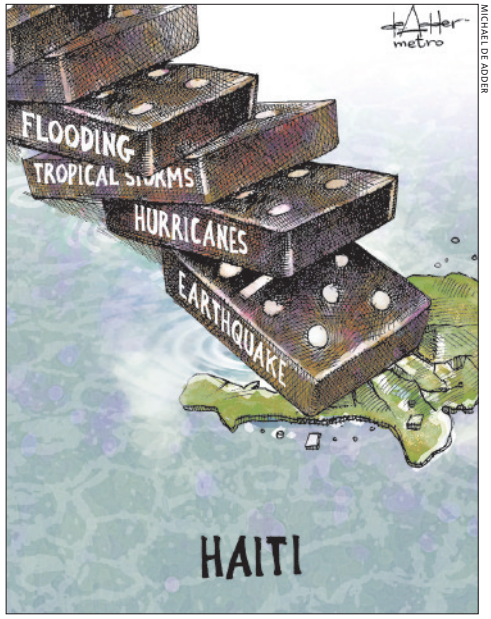
That's not allowed in Ontario or B.C. anymore, but police say drivers are still doing it. York Regional Police Sgt. Edmond Villamere says a lot of drivers just don't think programming a GPS is as dangerous as texting. "You're still pressing buttons with your hands," he says. "Your hands aren't on the wheel and your attention isn't on the road."

Green says manufacturers should design portable GPS devices so they can't be programmed while a car is in motion — just like most GPS's built right into a vehicle.

But that doesn't fly with Steve Koenig with the Consumer Electronics Association in Arlington, Va. He says drivers should take responsibility behind the wheel. "If a consumer is operating a vehicle … unsafely," says Koenig, "their excuses are their own."

Tell that to the family of Shannon Bentley. The Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., woman was killed by a driver distracted by his GPS. They tell their exclusive story on Marketplace tonight.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



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Attorney General to review FBI's mortgage fraud warning
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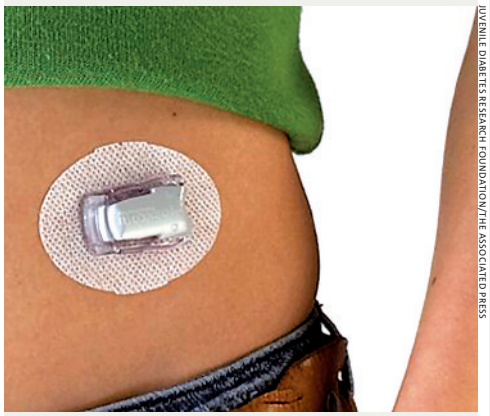
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In this product image provided by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, an experimental artificial pancreas is shown. The device, being developed by the foundation and health care giant Johnson & Johnson, will soon be tested in diabetes patients, potentially sparing them the hormonal disorder's most dangerous complications and frequent blood sugar checks and insulin injections.

Mergers to rise: Execs

Top Canadian bank executives say merger and acquisition activity in their industry will pick up again as uncertainty about global banking regulations is resolved.

M&A activity in the sector has been hampered by fears that the rules will be changed dramatically in response to the 2009 credit crisis, which has been largely blamed on the reckless lending, particularly in the United States.

U.S. President Barack Obama is pushing to recover the public money used to bail out failing banks and insurance firms at the height of the financial crisis. He renewed his call for a regulatory overhaul of the industry and scolded bankers for opposing the tighter oversight in legislation moving through Congress. The Canadian banks, while generally avoiding the excesses and resulting calamity that affected institutions in other developed countries, have been cautious about making major deals in such a politically charged environment.

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Canadian goes fourth in MLS draft

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Sports

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More trouble for Vancouver

Canucks coach denies telling players to fight

Having just turned the page on Alex Burrows's referee controversy, Vancouver Canucks coach Alain Vigneault was back on the phone Thursday with the NHL discussing his team's latest hot topic.

Minnesota enforcer Derek Boogard said Wednesday after the Wild's 5-2 win over Vancouver that Canuck Darcy Hordichuk told him: "The coach is making us fight you guys."

Vigneault, however, denies sending his tough guys over the boards to fight and said that it wouldn't surprise him if Hordichuk told Boogard he was under coach's orders to fight, just to get the Minnesota player to square off with him.

"I had a conversation with (Colin) Campbell because I'm on (his) speed dial lately," said Vigneault, referring to the NHL's top disciplinarian.

"I just told Coley I never said that, but I wouldn't be surprised that he (Hordichuk) did say that and I sort of believe Boogard on this one."

Hordichuk said after Thursday's practice he didn't recall exactly what was said before the gloves dropped but, with 72 minutes in penalties this season, he knows his role in the club.

Alain Vigneault

Earlier in the week their topic of conversation was Burrows' allegation referee Stephane Auger is biased against him.

Not only did Hordichuk engage Boogard, John Scott pummelled Vancouver rookie Alex Bolduc and Canuck Tanner Glass took on Minnesota defenceman Shane Hnidy.

"The game is different now," said Vigneault. "For some players it's tougher for them to find dancing partners, and I'm sure they come up with some creative stuff and this is just one of those creative things."

Hordichuck said his decision to fight Boogard dated back to incidents in the Canucks' 4-3 win over the Wild on Dec. 12.

On Wednesday, Boogard levelled Canuck defenceman Willie Mitchell with a clean check behind the net.

"Anytime a guy starts to run around, obviously, I know my role on this team and I was challenging him to fight in the second period from the benches," Hordichuk said.

"Alain doesn't have to send me out to fight."

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A points party is expected from the playoff clash between the high-octane Cards and Saints. Scan this code for the story.

Arenas charged with felony gun possession

NBA Gilbert Arenas has a court date and an apparent plea deal is in place, signalling a possible quick resolution to at least one side of a guns-in-the-locker-room confrontation that stained the NBA and jeopardized the career of the three-time all-star.

Arenas was charged Thursday with felony gun possession — one count of carrying a pistol without a licence — a crime that carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison. The charges were filed in D.C. Superior Court in an "information," a document that indicates a plea bargain has been reached.

The charge came directly from prosecutors and not in the form of an indictment — even though a grand jury has been investigating — and Arenas was listed on the docket for a court appearance Friday afternoon.

Arenas has acknowledged storing four unloaded guns in his locker at the Verizon Center, saying he wanted to keep them away from his young children and didn't know it was a violation of the city's strict gun laws. He says he took them out of the locker Dec. 21 in a "misguided effort to play a joke" on a teammate.

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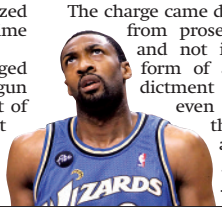

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U.S. women's hockey team names captain

Two-time Olympian Natalie Darwitz will captain the U.S. women's hockey team in Vancouver. Darwitz was the American captain during the past two international seasons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver Games

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IOC boss confident cheaters will be caught

DOPING IOC president Jacques Rogge is confident that out-of-competition testing and work with Canadian authorities will stamp out drug cheats at the Vancouver Games.

Rogge said Thursday that the lessons of the last two Winter Olympics proved the effectiveness of surprise doping controls and police action when needed.

The same strategy will be used next month in Vancouver, where 2,000 doping tests will be conducted at the Feb. 12-28 Olympics.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy for doping," Rogge said.

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Olympic dreams on the line

'Do or die' performances will decide which skaters head to Vancouver

FieldofPlay

Scott Russell

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They are only the national championships, but the Canadian Olympic figure skating trials in London, Ont., could be a barnburner.

It's more than just hyperbole to suggest this gathering promises "sudden death" for some Olympic dreams.

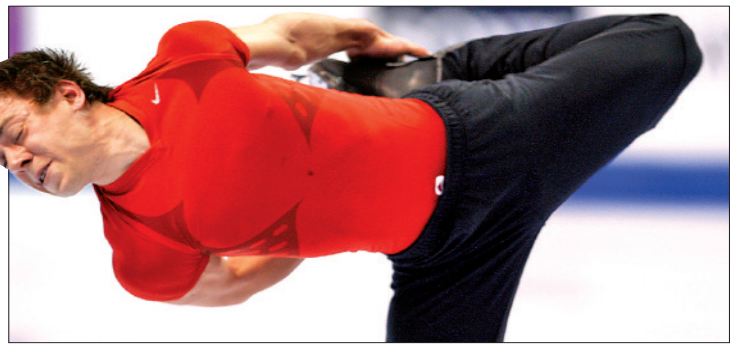
There is, in fact, "no tomorrow" and two spots on the Canadian roster will depend on "do or die" performances in each of four disciplines — pairs, dance, ladies and men's singles.

In the men's competition there are at least six skaters with a chance. They come from the far reaches of the country and five are chasing Toronto's Patrick Chan, the world championship silver medallist, who has been less than stellar in this crucial season.

It means Joey Russell of Labrador City, N.L., Shawn Sawyer of Edmundston, N.B., Vaughn Chipeur of Lloydminster, Sask., as well as Kevin Reynolds and Jeremy Ten, both of British Columbia, are in the hunt for a supporting role at Pacific Coliseum come February.

"With our nationals a few weeks out of the Olympic Games we will have those skaters who are at their best representing us in Vancouver," says Michael Slipchuk. As Skate Canada's high performance director, Slipchuk will have a heavy hand in making the final cuts.

He's well qualified for his job.



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Shawn Sawyer practises his routine Thursday at the Canadian figure skating championships.

For an interactive profile of Patrick Chan and nine other Canadian athletes to watch, visit: **metronews.ca/sports**

At the 1992 Canadian championships in Moncton, N.B., Slipchuk won a surprise title over Elvis Stojko and earned a ticket to his first and only Olympics in Albertville, France, where he placed ninth. That performance cemented the international notion that Canada had tremendous depth in men's skating as the injured Kurt Browning, Stojko and Slipchuk all finished in the top 10.

Slipchuk believes a system of trial by fire is the only way to ensure success at the Games.

"They will have shown the ability to do it when it counts," he said.

"And that's exactly what they'll have to do to reach the Olympic podium.

"It's very humbling as one missed element can have you on the outside looking in. You have no margin of error in our sport if you want to be the best."

So that's what to expect in London, and for my money there's no more dramatic scenario in all of sport.

At the end of the day, in order to live their dreams, all of these skaters will have to nail a single, required element.

They must stand and deliver.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Movies

Countdown to the Oscars Pg 14

Check out Metro's picks for this Sunday's Golden Globes. Pictured here are Globe nominees, clockwise from top left, The Hurt Locker (best picture – drama), George Clooney from Up In The Air (best actor, best picture – drama), Sandra Bullock (best actress in a drama as well as musical or comedy) and Mo'nique from Precious (best supporting actress and best picture – drama).

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Peter Jackson's The Lovely Bones bogged down by book.

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All eyes on Globes

Metro picks favourites to win at year's first major awards

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

This Sunday the 67th annual Golden Globe awards will invade televisions across North America. While the Oscars qualify as the most prestigious night of Hollywood backslapping, the Golden Globes is the night that movie stars take home the trophies. Expect no exceptions this year when A-listers sweep up all the major categories to drunken applause from the equally famous audience. The following list represents the official Metro predictions for Golden Globe winners in 2010.

GoldenGlobes

THE 67TH ANNUAL GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS airs live Sunday on CTV at 5 p.m. The Red Carpet Special begins at 4 p.m. For a blow-by-blow account of the show, visit metronews.ca/ blogs

Inglourious Basterds, left, has bagged a nomination in the best film (drama) category while Pixar's Up is a hopeful in the best animated film category at the 67th Golden Globe Awards which takes place Sunday.

BEST PICTURE:
The Hurt Locker has swept the critics awards and has a shot at an Oscar, but expect Up In The Air to take the Best Picture prize in drama. Between a lead role for Hollywood royalty George Clooney, able direction from Juno's Jason Reitman, and gently comic social commentary, a win is practically guaranteed. None of the nominees in the musical/comedy are particularly stellar, so the trophy will probably go to the raunchy The Hangover.

BEST ACTOR:
Jeff Bridges has been one of the most underrated actors in Hollywood for decades and this will probably be the year that he gets a collection of statues for his impressive work in Crazy Heart. It might not top The Big Lebowski as the actor's most iconic role, but the biopic does push all the right buttons for awards gold. Expect Matt Damon to take home well-deserved top honours in the comedy category for The Informant!.

BEST ACTRESS:
Sandra Bullock set a record at the box office this year for bringing in more cash than any other actress. For that reason alone she will inevitably score a Golden Globe for The Blind Side. It certainly doesn't hurt that her stiffest competition comes from Meryl Streep's memorable turn in Julia And Julia, which has been relegated to the comedy category. Streep is locked in to win that prize before becoming the Best Actress favourite at every other ceremony in 2010.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:
Christoph Waltz should have been given this award when Inglourious Basterds was released in August. No one else comes close in his category and no other actor in any category more richly deserves an award this year.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:
Comedienne Mo'Nique has been an awards favourite ever since her incredibly personal performance in Precious debuted at TIFF. Mo'Nique will give her first of many tear-filled acceptance speeches in 2010 this Sunday before releasing whatever unfortunate low-brow comedy she has lined up next.

BEST DIRECTOR:
This fall everyone wanted to beat up on James Cameron for being overindulgent during the production of Avatar. Now that it's on track to become the highest grossing film of all time, the director will be rewarded.

Meryl Streep, seen here in the film Julia & Julia, has won two nominations in the best actress (comedy or musical) category.

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Brood heads to Sundance
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Movie adaptation is too faithful

The Lovely Bones
Director: Peter Jackson
Stars: Saoirse Ronan, Mark Wahlberg
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

NED EHBAR
for Metro Canada

Adapting a novel into a two-hour film is tricky business. Filmmakers can create calamity just as much by staying too true to the source material as they can with sweeping diversions from the book. The problem with Peter Jackson's The Lovely Bones, based on Alice Sebold's bestselling novel, is that it's too faithful.

The core story of the film — 14-year-old Susie Salmon watches from beyond the grave as her family copes with her murder — works just fine, and the three actors at the heart of it (Saoirse Ronan as Susie, Mark Wahlberg as her father and Stanley Tucci as her murderer) turn in outstanding performances, with Wahlberg possibly the best he's been.

It's a shame the rest of the cast doesn't have as much to do.

Rachel Weisz's suburban mother has so little to say or do that it's hard to care when she buckles from grief and abandons her family. Susan Sarandon, as Susie's chain-smoking, gin-soaked grandmother, seems flown in from another film entirely. Her whirlwind "eccentric granny takes care of the kids" montage feels more in keeping with Running with Scissors.

And poor Michael Imperioli's detective has little more to do than give meaningful looks hinting at a much more fleshed-out subplot in the novel.

But the core holds together, with Susie learning to let go in a CGI-rich landscape somewhere between life and death.

Saoirse Ronan stars in Peter Jackson's adaptation of the novel The Lovely Bones.

Jackson paints some wonderfully surreal images as Susie comes to terms with her demise. A bit more of that, and a few less characters, and The Lovely Bones could have been much lovelier.

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Reel Time

A scene from The Book of Eli.

Action with brains

The Book **of Eli**

Director: The Hughes Brothers
Stars: Denzel Washington
Classification: STC
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

With Hollywood currently saturating cinemas with post-apocalyptic drama, The Book of Eli's own tagline may be better suited to a wishful maxim for its investors: Believe in Hope.

After all, the movie's familiar theme may numb viewers who've seen enough Armageddon from recent films like The Road, 2012 and 9 (not to be confused with Nine).

But there's still much to like about the long-awaited return of the Hughes Brothers. In hiding since 2001's From Hell, the filmmaking siblings rebound in style by bringing Hell to Earth — quite literally.

America has been churned to rubble following a devastating war. Destined to "stay on the path," a drifter named Eli (Denzel Washington) protects a sacred Bible from thieves and killers as he wanders westward following his destiny.

In the classic mould of a western icon, Eli possesses fighting skills that would rival any Clint Eastwood character, especially when he meets his rival — a Mussolini-admiring warlord (Gary Oldman) who also desires that one remaining book.

It's a tricky role, playing a sanctified sinner, so luckily Washington gives it life even while surrounded by supporting parts that seem fashionably cookie-cutter.

Still, the film is stronger when it plays the thinking man's action flick rather than playing to pious overtones of spirituality.

• For a trailer of The Book of Eli, photos and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

Chan sinks to new low

The Spy **Next Door**

Director: Brian Levant
Stars: Jackie Chan, George Lopez, Billy Ray Cyrus
Classification: PG
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Oh, how far Jackie Chan has fallen. In his Hong Kong days, Chan was a legend. The man created slapstick kung fu and would write, direct, and star in films in addition to doing his own stunts.

But now the former action icon has been reduced to starring in The Spy Next Door, a completely disposable family action movie that makes Hulk Hogan vehicles like Mr. Nanny look like high art. Even the outtakes during the closing credits don't live up to Chan's usual outtake standards. His fans are sure to be disappointed.

Jackie Chan stars as a secret agent posing as a suburban geek. By day he awkwardly dates his single mother neighbour, but at night he tracks down the deadliest criminals in North America.

In the opening scenes, Chan retires and hopes to settle down, but ends up facing his biggest challenge yet (cue record scratching sound effect): Babysitting his girlfriend's children.

At first the kids think he's lame because he wears glasses, but there is always a chance that a few unexpected action scenes might change their minds. That concept may sound bad, but in execution it is somehow even worse.

There's a chance that with enough sugary soda pumped into their system a few young children might find the movie funny.

A writer for Jolie film
In April, Fox 2000 bought the rights to Patricia Cornwell's Kay Scarpetta novels, with Angelina Jolie lined up to star. Now the planned film is moving ahead, with writer Kerry Williamson signing up to pen the script. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

The White Ribbon too neat for Haneke

The White Ribbon
Director: Michael Haneke
Stars: Ulrich Tukur, Susann Lothar
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW The White Ribbon took the top prize at last year's Cannes Film Festival (and the Toronto Film Critics Association's Best Foreign Film prize for '09). An impressive pedigree, and yet for those familiar with the austere Austrian's filmography, it may feel like second-tier work.

Haneke is what you might call a thesis filmmaker. His films work like mathematical proofs, and the best ones (Code Unknown and Cache) are the ones that invite the audience to complete the equation. The mysterious ending of Cache places the onus of interpretation on the viewer; by contrast, when narrator of The White Ribbon tells us, five minutes into the film, that the story he is about to relate — about strange events that occurred in his rural hometown in 1916 —has something to do with subsequent developments in Germany's history, any sense of ambiguity is flattened.

This village-of-the-damned narrative is an allegory about the gestation of fascism. Pay attention, as you'll be quizzed on the way out.

No doubt that Haneke is sincere in his attempt to show how the sins of the father are internalized by his children, but there's something reductive about his formulation.

The White Ribbon is too well-made to dismiss (Christian Berger's grayscale cinematography is simply astonishing). But it's also a shade too neat to take seriously.

Fraser takes a serious turn

Movie feature

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Brendan Fraser is best known as a tongue-in-cheek leading man who adds a much needed dose of humour to blockbusters like Journey To The Center Of The Earth and the recent Mummy series.

But for all his one-liners and physical comedy, Fraser is also an actor more than happy to take a serious turn with the right role. The upcoming Extraordinary Measures is one such movie in which he plays the real life figure of John Crowley, a successful businessman who gave up his career to pursue a cure for the rare Pompe disease afflicting his children.

"John Crowley's story is remarkable," Fraser told Metro. "He married his high school sweetheart, went to Harvard for an MBA, and then was told that two of his children were diagnosed with a very rare disease that would take their lives by the age of eight. But he didn't just stay in his comfortable job. He wanted more and so he had to navigate a very murky and ethically ambiguous path of business, medicine, life, and death."

It's a heartwarming story that has been turned into an equally touching film with Fraser at the center alongside Harrison Ford as a prickly scientist who teams up with Crowley to save his children.

For Fraser the movie presented an opportunity that he couldn't resist.

Not only was he was given a role that he could identify with ("As a father, I know that feeling of paternal protection," claimed the actor.), but the film also allowed Fraser to work with Harrison Ford, whom he has always admired.

"Once I got past my hero worship and saw him work, I admired him even more," said Fraser.

Extraordinary Measures was clearly a film of personal importance for Fraser. However, fans of his more mainstream fare shouldn't be concerned that he's abandoning blockbusters for drama.

"Like Harrison, I like to work," claimed Fraser. "Whether it's high brow or low brow, I always learn something from the movies and enjoy my career. It's a privilege to do this."

Brendan Fraser gets serious with Harrison Ford in Extraordinary Measures, hitting theatres next Friday.

Extraordinary Measures hits theatres next Friday

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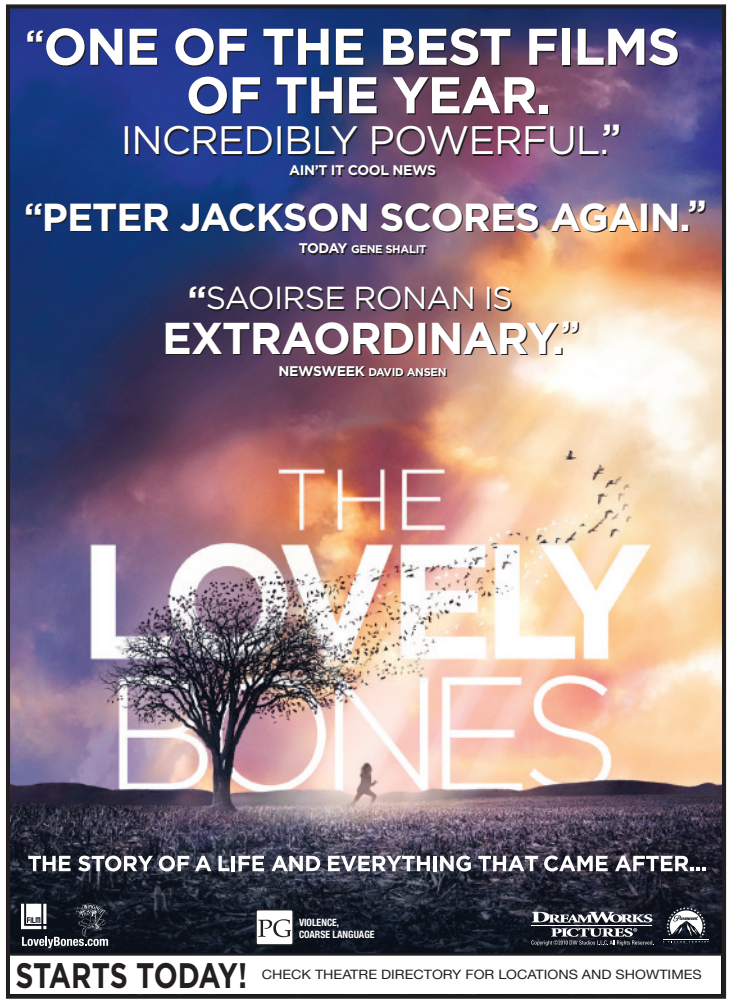
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DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Crazy Heart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:20-9:45
Invictus (PG) Fri-Wed 1-3:45-6:40-9:20 Thu 1-3:45-9:20
It's Complicated (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:50-9:25
Up in the Air (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:10-9:35
Winnebago Man (STC) Thu 7
The Young Victoria (G) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7-9:10 Mon 1:45-4:45-9:10 Tue-Thu 1:45-4:45-7-9:10

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

2012 (PG) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:25-8 Mon-Thu 8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:55-6:40-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:20
Brothers (PG) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 8:10
Did You Hear About the Morgans? (PG) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:05
An Education (PG) Fri 6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:15
The Memsahib (G) Fri 7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:30
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 5:50
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:25

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Coco Before Chanel (PG) Fri 9:25 Sat-Sun 3:25-9:25 Mon-Thu 9:25
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-6:45-9 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-7:45
The Book of Eli (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 7:30-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5:15-8:15
Sherlock Holmes (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7-10 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5-8

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Billy Elliot (PG) Sun 1
Blockade (STC) Fri 9
Boy Interrupted (STC) Wed 7:30
Fix: The Story of an Addicted City (STC) Sat 9:30
I Don't Want to Sleep Alone (STC) Thu 7
In the Mood for Love (PG) Thu 9:15
The Philadelphia Story (STC) Tue 1
A Place Called Chiapas (STC) Sun 7
A Rustling of Leaves: Inside the Philippine Revolution (STC) Sat 7
Wild at Heart: The Films of Nettie Wild (STC) Fri 7
The Youtube School for Social Politics (STC) Mon 7:30

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri 3:30-7:10:15 Sat-Sun 12-3:30-7:10:15 Mon-Tue 3:30-7:10:15 Wed 3:30-10:15 Thu 3:30-7:10:15
A Chemical Reaction (STC) Wed 7

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri 4-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:45

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Drugstore Cowboy (STC) Fri
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 4:15-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40
Nine (PG) Wed 12:30
Trainspotting (STC) Fri 12

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

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Daybreakers (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:50-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Carmen - Live (STC) Sat 10
No Distance Left to Run (STC) Thu 7
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 12:40-4-7:40-10:45 Sat 12:40 Sun-Wed 12:40-4-7:40-10:45 Thu 7:40 Sat 4-7:40-10:45 Thu 12:40-4-10:45
A Single Man (PG) Fri 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun-Tue 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed 3:30-6:30-9:30 Thu 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:30
Up in the Air (PG) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sun-Wed 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:40 Thu 12:50-3:50-10:30
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-9:50

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Tue 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:25-9:40 Wed 12:10-2:35-9:40 Thu 12:10-2:35
Broken Embraces (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:15
Fantastic Mr. Fox (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:30-5:40-7:55-10:05
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Nine (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:20
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:25-8-10:35
The Spy Next Door (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:25

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

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Private Century Program A (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 1:30 Mon 8:30
Private Century Program B (STC) Fri 8:30 Sat 3:30 Mon 6:30
Private Century Program C (STC) Sat 6:30 Sun 6 Mon
Private Century Program D (STC) Sat 8:30 Sun 8 Mon

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20

NORTH SHORE

Amy Adams stars in Leap Year, which is in theatres.

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

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The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri 7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:35
Up in the Air (PG) Fri 7:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri 7:40-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:40-9:45

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:30-4:45-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50
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The Metropolitan Opera: Carmen - Live (STC) Sat 10
TuTu Much (STC) Sun 1 Wed 7

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RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

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SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

3 Idiots (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-4:05-8:05
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The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 9:55
Up in the Air (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:20-6:50-10:10
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-4:05-7:40-10:15

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
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SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

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Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-4-7:25-10:40
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:15-4:45-7:15-10
TuTu Much (STC) Sun 1 Wed 7
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri 12:05-3-6:40-9:55 Sat 3:30-6:40-9:55 Sun-Thu 12:05-3-6:40-9:55
Up in the Air (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:55
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-6:55-9:45

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Avatar (14A) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

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2012 (PG) Fri-Thu 8:40
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:15-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Sat-Sun 12:15
Invictus (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30
It's Complicated (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-6:45
Old Dogs (G) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:45
Planet 51 (G) Sat-Sun 2:45
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri 9:10 Sat-Sun 2-9:10 Mon-Thu 9:10
Up in the Air (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30

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3 Idiots (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-4:10-8
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 12:2-20-4:40-6:55-9:10
Avatar (14A) Fri-Thu 4:15-7:50
Avatar 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:20-7:10:35
The Book of Eli (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:15-10:15
Chance Pe Dance (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:10-10:05
Daybreakers (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7:25-9:50
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Up in the Air (PG) Fri 7:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:25

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Music

Cribs nab legendary axeman

Ex-Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr joins British indie act

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

When a band is looking to add a new member, the search usually consists of an audition process or, on a less professional scale, just adding a loyal friend on rhythm guitar. Wakefield, England's The Cribs somehow managed to add one of the greatest living guitarists to bump the trio up to a quartet.

In early 2008, Johnny Marr, the former guitarist/co-songwriter of seminal '80s indie band The Smiths, joined The Cribs after serving a tour of duty with the band Modest Mouse.

Maybe it's become normal for him over the last two years but the way drummer Ross Jarman explains it, the addition was like any member really.

"Fundamentally it's still like the Cribs," he says with a laidback tinge to his Northern accent. "But it's exactly how you'd expect it — us with Johnny's distinctive playing in there. So we changed the dynamic but not radically."

Jarman fully admits that when he and his twin brothers Gary and Ryan first played with Marr they acknowledged it was indeed their hero standing before them. But it took no time for the four of them to become a solid unit.

"Maybe the first time we practiced, we thought, 'Aww f—, it's Johnny Marr, he's playing with us!'" Jarman admits. "But five minutes after writing the first song it all went out the window."

Former The Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr joined The Cribs prior to the release of Ignore The Ignorant.

More songs eventually came and in only three weeks the band recorded its fourth album, Ignore The Ignorant. While the presence of Marr distinctly tidies up the band's slushy, lo-fi sound (the title track has an undeniable Smiths tone), the groups' scrappy anthems and derisive nature still remain intact.

Jarman says that despite Marr's illustrious career, the guitarist wanted be one of the boys.

"I think Johnny just likes the real simplistic, DIY ethics of the band," he says. "He doesn't want to change any of that, so we definitely don't feel like we have to step it up playing with him."

Embarking on the band's first North American tour as a four-piece, Jarman says the newest member is free to do as he likes on stage. "He listened to the old records, and there are parts that Ryan laid down that he can't play live, so Johnny's been weaving in and out of them," he says.

"We let Johnny come in and do what he thinks is right. There are all of these cool, new parts coming out of Johnny. We have total trust in what he plays."

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In Concert

- The Cribs perform at the Venue nightclub in Vancouver on Jan. 31.

Barenaked Ladies carry on without Steven Page

SoundCheck
Alan Cross
metronews.ca/soundcheck

Ed Robertson and Tyler Stewart are in a good mood — encouraging, given that the last couple of years haven't been easy: Robertson's plane crash, the death of Robertson's mom, and, of course, the departure of Steven Page last February. Not the best way to celebrate the band's 20th anniversary.

"It was a huge transition and a scary one to undertake," Robertson says, "but it's been so galvanizing and so liberating for the four of us."

How does a band compensate for losing a co-founder, frontman and songwriter? "There are four guys left in the band who do a lot of things," adds Tyler Stewart. "The fact that we've been together for twenty years, we really know and support each other. The compensation is that we're way more into it than we've been in the last ten years. We want to continue the legacy of Barenaked Ladies."

The new album — the band's 11th — called All in Good Time (due March 30) is the first record after, as Tyler says, "an intense couple of years."

Robertson and Page wrote together for two decades, churning out a long string of hits, but that all came to an end last winter. Robertson is philosophical about that. "Change is good, especially in the creative process. You get in certain ruts. It's been nice for me to explore writing on my own. It was also a chance for Jim (Creeggan) and Kevin (Hearn) to come to the table with songs. We approached the new record as an adventure and it was a challenge that everyone rose to and everyone embraced."

The first single, You Run Away, started showing up on radio this week. And going against type, it's not goofy at all. Instead, it's a very beautiful and poignant song. "A lot of the lyrics on this record are very close to the bone," Robertson explains. "I allowed myself to go there this time."

Next month, they're off to Miami to perform at a Super Bowl event. Then Robertson will run with the Olympic torch in Vancouver before the band plays four shows during the games. Much touring will follow, including a North American tour in the spring and summer and the U.K. in the fall.

"Yesterday, I saw our schedule for the next six months. It's 1997 all over again!," Ed says. "Hello, rock 'n' roll pace. I've missed you!"

"It was a huge transition and a scary one to undertake, but it's been so galvanizing and so liberating for the four of us." Ed Robertson

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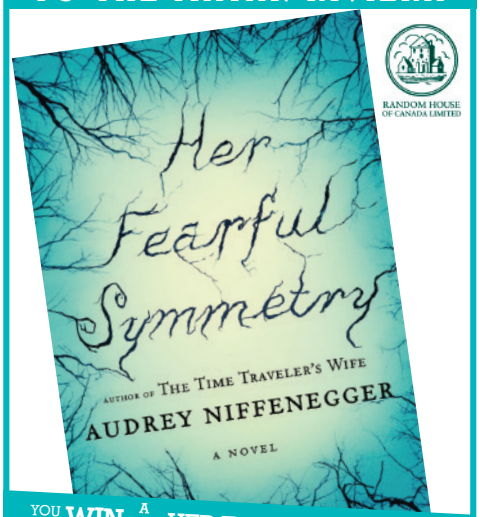

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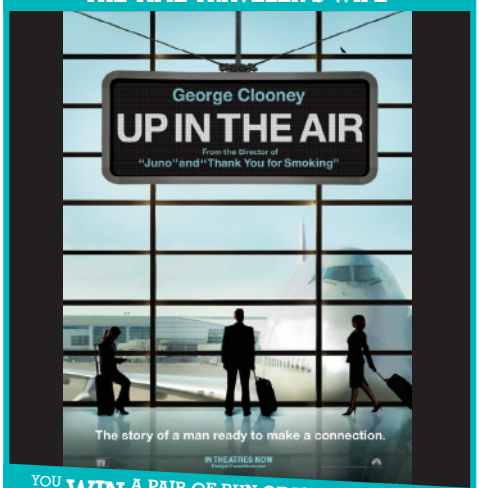
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Entertainment

Have you got the Avatar blues?

James Cameron's completely immersive spectacle Avatar may have been a little too real for some fans who say they have experienced depression and suicidal thoughts after seeing the film because they long to enjoy the beauty of the alien world Pandora.

On the fan forum site Avatar Forums, a topic thread entitled "Ways to cope with the depression of the dream of Pandora being intangible," has received more than 1,000 posts from people experiencing depression and fans trying to help them cope.

"I wasn't depressed myself. In fact the movie made me happy," forum administrator Philippe Baghdassarian said. "But I can understand why it made people depressed. The movie was so beautiful and it showed something we don't have here on Earth."

"Ever since I went to see Avatar I have been depressed. Watching the wonderful world of Pandora and all the Na'vi made me want to be one of them. I can't stop thinking about all the things that happened in the film and all of the tears and shivers I got from it," said a user named Mike wrote on the fan website Naviblue. "I even contemplate suicide thinking that if I do it I will be rebirthed in a world similar to Pandora and the everything is the same as in Avatar." METRO WORLD NEWS/CNN

After watching Avatar, some people have become depressed.

FRIDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Medium "Dear Dad ..." (N)		Human Target "Pilot" (N)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Dollhouse "The Hollow Man"		Shark Tank (N) (CC)		NUMB3RS "Arm in Arms"		News
	256	389	12 VI	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Law & Order "Blackmail" (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Supernanny (N) (CC)		Mantracker	Mantracker	The Jay Leno Show (N)		The CityNews
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smallville "Kandor" (CC)		Smallville "Pandora" (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Medium "Dear Dad ..." (N)		NUMB3RS "Arm in Arms"		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Law & Order "Blackmail" (N)		Dateline NBC (CC)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Supernanny (N) (CC)		Shark Tank (N) (CC)		20/20 (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Bones (CC)		Dollhouse "The Hollow Man"		News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26 NW	How the Kids Took Over		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		How the Kids Took Over		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	Alpine Skiing		Hockey	The Ultimate Fighter		MMA Conn	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre	Hockey	SportsCentre	Off-Record	Boxing Juan Carlos Burgos vs. Juan Carlos Martinez.				SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	Lovewrecked (2006) Amanda Bynes, Chris Carmack. (CC)				That's-Weird	Fries That?	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	Spawn ★★ (1997) John Leguizamo. (CC)		
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	The Canyon War (N) (CC)		Poirot "Death in the Clouds" (N) (CC)				Duncan Campbell Scott		Pictur.-People
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	CMT Greatest: Hair Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Jim
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "Derailed"		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Leanne"		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear Radio DJ.		What Not
	616	522	35 SHO	Relic Hunter (CC)		Lava Storm (2008, Suspense) Valérie Valois. (CC)				Kenny vs.	Kenny	Trailer Park
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:00) Miss Congeniality ★★ (2000) (CC)			Funny Show	(8:55) The Mexican ★★ (2001) Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts. (CC)				
	603	561	52 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Diners	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners
	-	-	53 AMC	Volcano ★★	Escape From L.A. ★★ (1996) Kurt Russell, Stacy Keach.				Bram Stoker's Dracula ★★★ (1992) Gary Oldman. (CC)			
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:00) Passchendaele (2008)		Adventureland ★★★ (2009) Premiere.			(:45) Twilight ★★ (2008, Romance) Kristen Stewart. (CC)			
	581	566	101 MTV	Teen Mom "Standing Up"		1 girl 5 gays	After	Teen Cribs	Teen Cribs	Teen Mom "Standing Up"		After

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SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Vancouver Canucks. (Live) (CC)					HNIC: After Hours		News	HNIC Replay
	250	321	9 CTV	NFL Football		CTV News (N) (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Flashpoint (CC)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	renegade	Jane Show	Gospel of Deceit (2006) Alexandra Paul. Premiere. (CC)				The Guard "At Sea" (CC)		News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		The Road to Avonlea		Stargate Atlantis		Bravo!FACT
	253	359	13 CITY	Amazing	Role	Glenn Martin	Out There	Where the Truth Lies ★★ (2005) Kevin Bacon. (CC) (DVS)				Amazing
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	The Wedding Singer ★★★ (1998) Adam Sandler.				CSI: NY "Raising Shane"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	NFL Football		News	The Insider	Entertainment Tonight (N)		KIRO News Special (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Mercy (CC)		Law & Order "Skate or Die"		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy "Blink"		Private Practice (CC)		Castle "The Fifth Bullet"		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (N) (PA)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	Wanda Sykes
news	502	390	26 NW	Nazi King (CC)		National	Issue	National	Mansbridge	Nazi King (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	English Premier League Soccer				Poker After Dark (CC)		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	Curling		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Hockey	NFL	Winter X-Games Classix		SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Charlotte's Web ★★★ (2006) Voices of Julia Roberts.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		Heartbeat "The Runaways"		Midsomer Murders "Second Sight" (CC)				Duncan Scott
	575	583	20 CMT	Blue Rodeo: Small Miracles		Jim Cuddy		Gone Country	Gone Country	Rodeo		Blue Rodeo
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Wrecking Crew"		(:01) CSI: Miami "Bombshell"		(:01) CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Happy Family	Happy Family	Happy Family	Happy Family	Happy Family	Happy Family	Happy Family	Happy Family	Brace-Impact
	616	522	35 SHO	Slings and Arrows (CC)		The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams. (CC)				Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer		
	294	650	47 TBS	Miss Congeniality 2		Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous ★★ (2005)				Laws of Attraction ★★ (2004)		
	603	561	52 FN	Top Chef Masters (CC)		The F Word (CC)		Hugh's Chicken Run (CC)		Chopped (CC)		Top Chef
	-	-	53 AMC	Pitch Black ★★ (2000, Science Fiction) Radha Mitchell, Vin Diesel.					Magic ★★★ (1978) Anthony Hopkins, Ann-Margret.			
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:30) The Strangers ★★		Friday the 13th ★ (2009) Jared Padalecki.			(:45) Semi-Pro ★★ (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell. (CC)			
	581	566	101 MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	1 girl 5 gays	Over Bolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	1 girl 5 gays

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primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland "The Reckoning"		Figure Skating				CBC News: The National (N)		News
	250	321	9 CTV	67th Golden Globe Awards		CTV News (N) (CC)		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Flashpoint (CC)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	Family	Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC)		24 (Season Premiere) Negotiating international security. (N)				News Final
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Nixon wins award
GLAAD will honour Sex and the City actress Cynthia Nixon with the Vito Russo Award, which is presented to a lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender media professional who has made a difference in promoting equal rights. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Cairo Time

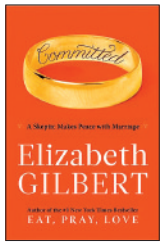
DVD One of the best Canadian films of 2009 presents a double whammy — the acting prowess of veteran star Patricia Clarkson and the sultry visuals of director Ruba Nadda. Throw in the exotic locales of Egypt and a mature, cross-cultural romance and you've got a date movie for grown ups.

2 Conan O'Brien vs. Jay Leno

TV It's probably too early to say but this one's got to be the biggest TV battle of the year. NBC's cancelling Leno's prime-time show to send him back to his old pre-midnight slot, currently held by O'Brien. Both hosts have taken potshots at their employer but now they are turning on each other on camera. This well may be the career boost both of them needed.

3 Committed by Elizabeth Gilbert

BOOK The American writer's previous book Eat, Pray, Love explored the author's spiritual search in the wake of a broken relationship. The memoir went on to become a massive seller. Gilbert turns her skepticism on its head in her latest work, which tries to find out what makes marriages tick.



4 Tuper Tario Tros

GAME Tetris meets Super Mario Bros. in this surprisingly entertaining online game. Here's how it works: You start out in a regular Mario game replete with magic mushrooms and evil snails. But, you also have the option of crossing over to Tetris mid-game where your block-rocking prowess will determine what kind of obstacles the Italian plumber will have to tackle to make it to Princess Peach.

5 Contra: Vampire Weekend

ALBUM Love 'em or hate 'em, you can't ignore these Ivy League lads. The four-piece band rocked the indie world, and then some more, with their self-titled debut album. Now they are back with a second helping of their signature Afropop-New Wave-tinged rock. The Billboard No. 1 spot seems well within reach.

6 The White Ribbon

FILM If the awards season puts you in the mood for some serious cinema, give this German film a shot. Winner of the top prize at Cannes last year, Michael Haneke's latest work chronicles the strange occurrences inside an otherwise sleepy German village just before the First World War.

7 Golden Globe Awards

SHOW Oscars Lite? Call it what you will but the Hollywood red carpet madness begins here. On the movies side, there are no clear frontrunners but as far as TV goes, Mad Men has it locked up. Airs Sunday on CTV at 5 p.m. PST The show will be hosted by Ricky Gervais.

Mix of Six

Science World After Dark

When: Friday, 7 to 10 p.m.
Where: Telus World Of Science, 1455 Quebec St.

Science World's next adults-only soiree will feature local comics Ivan Decker, Dave Shumka, A.J. Mckenzie and Pump Trolley Comedy. Tix: $19.75. Info: 604-420-7500.

Dave Attell Comedy Show

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville

New York Actor and Comedian Dave Attell performs his stand up comedy act. The doors open at 8 p.m. Tix: $29.50 each.

The Pink Floyd Experience

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: River Rock Show Theatre, 8811 River Road, Richmond

A live stadium-inspired tribute show that features interpretive videos, plane crashes, a flying pig and some of the legendary band's most iconic songs.

Canucks Skills Competition

When: Sunday, 1 p.m.
Where: General Motors Place

Fans will get a chance to see Vancouver Canucks show off their skills in six head-to-head individual events. Tix: Available at ticketmaster.ca.

The Forgotten Art Preview

When: Saturday until Jan. 29
Where: Vancouver Public Library's downtown branch

Eight paintings from Vancouver artist Pamela Masik's The Forgotten series will be on display at the VPL's main concourse.

Infected Mushroom Concert

When: Saturday, 9 p.m.
Where: Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville

The trance/electronic music band will play at the Commodore Ballroom.

Four guys and a long list

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

The Buried Life began not some much as a TV series idea, but a question between friends.

"We just wondered — what do we want to do before we die? And we just set out to do it," says Duncan Penn, who, along with brother Jonnie and friends Ben Nemtin and Dave Lingwood, serve as hosts and wish-fulfillers on The Buried Life.

"Having our own TV show was actually No. 53 on our list," says Penn.

Maybe it wasn't top priority, but the result is an MTV series best described as The Bucket List meets Punk'd. It's fun. It's delinquent, yet occasionally moving as well.

"What we never expected was how the question of what you want to do before you die would resonate with people," says Lingwood.

"We had so many people help us, it seemed a natural that we'd try to help some of them."

The Buried Life follows the four Canadian college guys as they travel the countryside in a bus, fulfilling selfish dreams like attending a Playboy Mansion party, or asking Megan Fox out on a date.

Hosts of MTV's The Buried Life, premiering Monday night.

But they also spend some of their time realizing the dreams of folks they meet on the road, like helping an under-privileged classroom get a new computer and hooking up a street artist with the son he hasn't seen in years.

"You think about that guy and his son. He'd been thinking about making that call for 17 years. And we helped make it happen," says Penn.

Still, The Buried Life ain't all touchy-feely. The boys' antics do occasionally run afoul of the law — such as when they attempt to tell a joke on late night television, or when they give a toast at a stranger's wedding.

"Some are easier than others to cross off. Some you struggle with. You just never know," says Penn.

The foursome has — to date — crossed about 70 different items off their wish list, though they're always coming up with more. One longtime goal, however, remains elusive.

"Going into space," says Lingwood. "But who knows?"

The Buried Life premieres Monday night on MTV.

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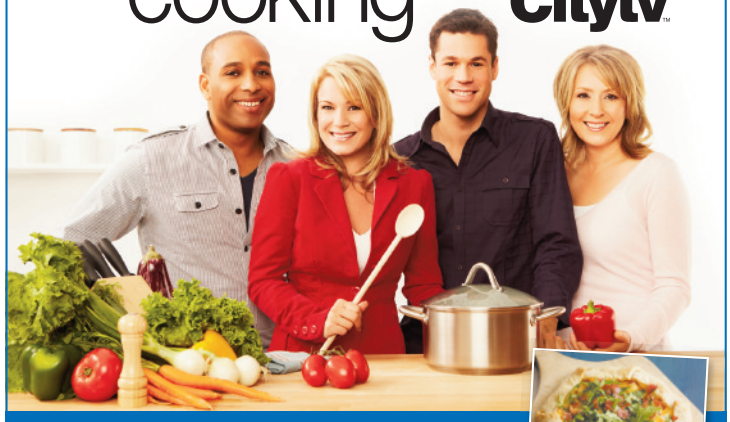

Rustic Tomato Tart

PREP TIME: 10 MIN. ➤ TOTAL TIME: 44 MIN. ➤ MAKES: 6 SERVINGS

What You Need
1 ready-to-use refrigerated pie crust (1/2 of 425-g pkg.)
3 plum tomatoes (1 lb./450 g), seeded, sliced
1-1/2 cups *Kraft Tex Mex* Light Shredded Cheese
1/3 cup *Miracle Whip Calorie-Wise* Dressing
4 slices bacon
1 cup arugula

Make it
HEAT oven to 400°F
UNROLL pie crust on baking sheet. Arrange tomato slices in circular pattern on crust, overlapping slices as needed to fit and leaving 1-1/2-inch border at edge. Mix cheese and dressing; spread over tomatoes. Fold edge of crust over tomatoes.
BAKE 20 to 24 min. or until cheese is melted and crust is golden brown. Meanwhile, cook bacon until crisp.
COOL tart 10 min. Crumble bacon. Top tart with arugula and bacon.

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Spencer, Heidi's scaring the neighbours again
When Heidi Montag walked into her house Wednesday with her face concealed, police were summoned with a report of a possible kidnapping. But the misunderstanding was all cleared up. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Brangelina to the rescue

IT'S PRETTY COOL, ACTUALLY Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have made good on their promise to reach out to victims of the massive earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday, usmagazine.com reports.

The couple donated $1 million US to the Doctors Without Borders for the organization's emergency medical operations in Haiti, the website has confirmed.

"It is incredibly horrible to see a catastrophe of this size hit a people who have been suffering from extreme poverty, violence and unrest for so many decades," Jolie, who has served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations since 2001, said in a statement.

Pitt — who, along with Jolie, has been a longtime supporter of Doctors Without Borders — added, "We understand the first response is critical to serve the immediate needs of countless people who are now displaced from their homes, are suffering trauma, and most require urgent care."

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Lindsay Lohan sex tape?

HOW TO FLOG A FAILING HOLLYWOOD CAREER 101 A sex tape allegedly starring Lindsay Lohan is reportedly about to be made public, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently filmed a documentary about child trafficking in India, is said to be the star of a 47-second clip, which could be about to appear on the internet.

A source told the Daily Mirror newspaper, "The video film is dynamite. It is pretty seedy and shows Lindsay engaged in a particular sex act, which, obviously, should remain behind closed doors.

"Lindsay was desperate to start 2010 off on a good footing and this is the very last thing she needs.

"If and when it is released on the internet, via a spurious, unofficial website, there is absolutely nothing she or her lawyers can do about it."

Hustler is said to be offering more than $200,000 US for the video, which was filmed by a waiter from a chain restaurant.

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And Depp made a statue in his own image

OH, TO BE THAT SCULPTOR Johnny Depp is currently being treated like a king on a trip to Serbia, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Hollywood heart-throb is over in the Eastern European country to help open the Kustendorf International Film and Music Festival in the city of Drvengrad.

Earlier in the week he was given a warm welcome by the nation and met Serbia's president Boris Tadic in the capital Belgrade on Tuesday. He was then taken to Drvengrad where officials unveiled a statue of the star in recognition of his contribution to the movie industry.

The festival was launched by Serbian director Emir Kusturica, for whom Depp is set to take the role of Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa. The movie, given the snappy title of Seven Friends of Pancho Villa and the Woman with Six Fingers, is rumoured to be coming out in 2012.

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No 'Brand' new babies yet

BABY BUMP ALERT TAKEN DOWN TO 'YELLOW' Despite the rumours circulating online, Katy Perry is not pregnant, usmagazine.com reports. The star's rep says reports claiming Perry, who got engaged to Russell Brand on New Year's Eve in India, was getting a sonogram and showing off a baby bump were "not true."

Plus, the singer, 25, took to her Twitter account to say that she was on "my period" Wednesday evening. "Better luck next month peepz," she posted.

Still, Perry didn't do much to squash pregnancy rumours this past Sunday, when she and her fiancé scoped out booties at a baby boutique in North London.

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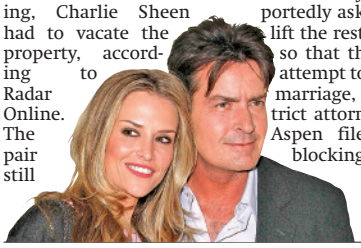
Single parents alone together

PUTTING 'DYNAMIC' IN FAMILY DYNAMICS Brooke Mueller moved back into her Los Angeles home this week, but because she was coming, Charlie Sheen had to vacate the property, according to Radar Online. The pair still have to abide by a restraining order stemming from their Christmas morning scuffle in Aspen, Colo.

Their lawyers have reportedly asked a judge to lift the restraining order so that the couple can attempt to salvage their marriage, but the district attorney's office in Aspen filed a motion blocking its dismissal.



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Why must hindsight be so clear?

NOW YOU'LL KNOW FOR NEXT TIME Looking back on her rocky relationship with Chris Brown, Rihanna admits that all the warning signs were there. "There were control issues, insecurity.

"When people are insecure they become very controlling and they can get very aggressive and in turn abusive," the singer tells W magazine. "It doesn't have to be physical."

METRO WORLD NEWS

'Look, I don't mean to be rude ...'

UM, YES YOU DID — IT'S PART OF THE JOB The search is on for Simon Cowell's replacement on American Idol, and according to TMZ, the current frontrunner is equally testy British singer Elton John.

It would be familiar territory, as John was a guest judge on the third season.

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

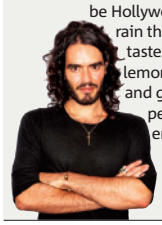
EMMY ROSSUM goes after Heidi Montag, **JEREMY PIVEN** will not be lining up to see The Tooth Fairy, **LADY GAGA** doesn't abide scalpers, and **RUSSELL BRAND** is hoping for better weather.

@emmyrossum It upsets me to see young women in the spotlight advocating plastic surgery. ANY surgery is extremely dangerous & should not be taken lightly, much less, used as a tool to increase notoriety or popularity.

@jeremypiven sooo it's Dwayne "The Rock" Johnston wearing a tutu AND playing hockey! BOOM! Everybody wins" ....and cue the apocalypse.

@ladygaga pretty genius, big huge man banging on the car window outside the arena, trying to sell me scalped tickets to my own show. yoouuu skalliwag

@rustyrockets Raining in La- this is not the deal. London has snow. SNOW! This better be Hollywood rain that tastes of lemonade and gives superpowers.



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Jerry said no

NOW STOP BUGGING HIM When Jerry Seinfeld agreed to serve as executive producer for his new series, the Marriage Ref, NBC was hoping he'd go a step further and host the show as well.

But that won't be happening, according to Page Six.

"NBC is desperate for a hit," a source says.

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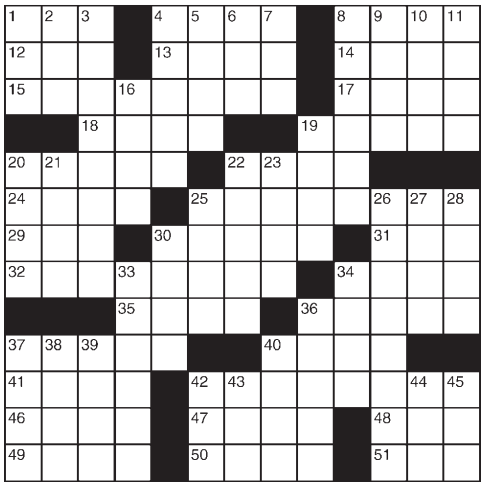

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Chef's Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 oz (40 g) anchovies drained and roughly chopped
1 garlic clove, roughly chopped
1/2 tsp (2 ml) Dijon mustard
4 tbsp (60 ml) olive oil
1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
2 tbsp (25 ml) thick cream
1 romaine lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces
4 tomatoes, cut into wedges
1 avocado, diced
1/4 cucumber, diced
3 1/2 oz (100 g) Gouda cheese, diced
3 1/2 oz (100 g) roast ham, diced

METHOD:

1. Put anchovy fillets, garlic, mustard, oil and lemon juice into food processor or blender. Blend until dressing is smooth, then add cream and blend again for just a few seconds.
2. Put lettuce, tomatoes, avocado, cucumber, cheese and ham into large bowl and gently mix together.
3. Lightly drizzle anchovy dressing over salad, season with black pepper and serve at once.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This is a great day to make major decisions about what you do for a living. With a solar eclipse in the career area of your chart your decisions are sure to be good ones.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The answer to a problem that has been teasing you from the edge of your subconscious for weeks, maybe even months, will pop into your head today.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The best way to deal with money worries is to pretend they do not exist. However, others may say you are fooling no one.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Go out of your way to stay on good terms with everyone you meet today because the more friends you make now the more success you will enjoy.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will rediscover your enthusiasm for something that you seemed to lose interest in during the closing weeks of last year.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may not be much of a believer in miracles but the planets indicate that something out of the ordinary is going to occur today.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You cannot be pushed into doing something against your will but you can be persuaded if the proposal is good enough.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You are well aware that you cannot solve a problem by running away from it, and that fact alone puts you at an advantage over your rivals.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You are a lot richer than you imagine and with some outstanding cosmic activity in the money area of your chart you won't be out of pocket for long.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Mercury, planet of the mind, appears to have come to a stop in your sign, a cosmic illusion, of course, but an important one.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Anyone who expects you to stand there like a fool and just take what they are saying about you obviously does not know you too well.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Something you find out about a friend will shock you and excite you in equal measure. Who would have thought they could have kept such a juicy secret?

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Toronto	one-way from $149 + taxes & fees $53
Phoenix	from $169 + taxes & fees $107
London	from $349 + taxes & fees $465
Frankfurt	from $449 + taxes & fees $377
Hong Kong	from $629 + taxes & fees $185
Tokyo	from $698 + taxes & fees $292
Bangkok	from $749 + taxes & fees $210
Lima	from $789 + taxes & fees $215
Sydney	from $889 + taxes & fees $536
Johannesburg	from $999 + taxes & fees $365

Cruise Vacations

Anaheim
Air + 3 Nights + 4-Night Cruise
from **$298**
+ taxes & fees $228

INCLUDES air from Vancouver to LA, hotel transfer, accom near the *Disneyland* Resort, cruise transfer and 4-night cruise. **CRUISE** from LA to Vancouver and visit Victoria.

Mexican Riviera
8-Night Cruise — from $449^ + taxes & fees $61^

CRUISE roundtrip San Diego and visit Acapulco, Ixtapa and Manzanillo.

Hawaiian Islands
7-Night Cruise — from $917 + taxes & fees $108

CRUISE roundtrip Honolulu and visit Maui (overnight), Big Island (Hilo & Kona) and Kauai (overnight).

Disneyland Vacations

Disneyland Resort Area
Family Special
Air + 3 Nights 3-Star
from **$239**◊
+ taxes & fees $103

ADD 3-day *Disneyland* Resort *Park Hopper* Bonus Ticket from $154. **BONUS** everyone plays for the kids' price.

***Disneyland* Resort Area** Couples Special
Air + 3 Nights 4-Star — from $379◊ + taxes & fees $103

BONUS receive a US$75 food & beverage gift card.

Disney's Paradise Pier Family Special
Air + 5 Nights + Park Tickets — from $499◊ + taxes & fees $103

BONUS 5-day *Disneyland* Resort *Park Hopper* Bonus Ticket included.

***Disney's Grand California* Hotel & Spa** Family Special
Air + 5 Nights + Park Tickets — from $649◊ + taxes & fees $103

BONUS 5-day *Disneyland* Resort *Park Hopper* Bonus Ticket included.

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Hawai'i Vacations

Honolulu Family Special
Air + 7 Nights
from **$489**◊
+ taxes & fees $120

INCLUDES Waikiki accom. **ADD** tour of the USS Arizona Memorial from $59.

Maui Family Special
Air + 7 Nights — from $579◊ + taxes & fees $129

Valentine's Vacations

Niagara Falls
Valentine's Day Weekend
Air + 2 Nights + Car
from **$589**
+ taxes & fees $119

INCLUDES car rental from Toronto and Niagara Falls accom during Valentine's Day weekend. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $21 per night.

Banff Valentine's Day Weekend
2 Nights 4-Star — from $148 taxes & fees included

UPGRADE to 5-star Fairmont Banff Springs from $123 per night. **ADD** air to Calgary from $228.

New York Valentine's Day Weekend
Air + 3 Nights — from $649 + taxes & fees $113

INCLUDES Manhattan accom.

All-inclusive Vacations

Costa Rica 7 Nights 4-Star
from **$697**
+ taxes & fees $201

Puerto Vallarta
7 Nights 4-Star — from $598 + taxes & fees $264

Varadero 7 Nights 4-Star — from $695 + taxes & fees $206

Mayan Riviera 8 Nights 4-Star — from $795 + taxes & fees $280

Punta Cana 7 Nights 4.5-Star — from $797 + taxes & fees $312

INCLUDES junior suite accom.

Adventure Tours

Bangkok to Cambodia
7-Day Tour — was $869 now $696 taxes & fees included

HIGHLIGHTS Bangkok, Siam Reap, Angkor Wat complex, Phnom Penh, Choeng Ek "Killing Fields" and Tuol Sleng prison. Roundtrip Bangkok.

Argentina End Of The Earth
15-Day Tour — was $2729 now $2184 taxes & fees included

HIGHLIGHTS Buenos Aires, El Calafate, Moreno Glacier, El Chaltén, Glacier National Park, Puerto Natales, Torres del Paine National Park, Punta Arenas, Ushuaia, Beagle Channel and Patagonia. Roundtrip Buenos Aires.

February Escapes!

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Mayan Riviera
7 Nights 4-Star All-inclusive
from **$697**
+ taxes & fees $264

Big White Ski Package
4 Nights + Lift Passes — from $499 + taxes & fees $56

INCLUDES central village accom and 3-day lift pass to ski Big White. **ADD** ski or snowboard equipment rentals from $30.

Varadero
7 Nights 3-Star All-inclusive — from $699 + taxes & fees $206

UPGRADE to 4-star ccom from $12 per night.

Rockey Mountains
Air + 5 Nights + Lift Passes — from $799 + taxes & fees $98

INCLUDES air to Calgary, central accom and 4 day lift pass for skiing at Banff, Lake Louise & Sunshine. **ADD** snowmobile tour from Banff from $289.

Punta Cana
7 Nights 4.5-Star All-inclusive — from $897 + taxes & fees $312

Cancun
7 Nights 4-Star All-inclusive — from $898 + taxes & fees $264

Los Cabos
7 Nights 5-Star All-inclusive — from $898 + taxes & fees $264

INCLUDES junior suite accom.

Vacations

Las Vegas Air + 4 Nights
from **$179**
+ taxes & fees $104

INCLUDES accom on the Strip. **UPGRADE** to 4-star accom from $5 per night.

Palm Springs
Air + 3 Nights 4-Star — from $419 + taxes & fees $123

ADD Palm Springs aerial tram tour from $30.

New Orleans Mardi Gras
Air + 4 Nights — from $759 + taxes & fees $118

INCLUDES French Quarter accom to celebrate Mardi Gras.

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